Pollution in Pushkar and Pichhola Lake

†3761. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the water of Teerthraj Pushkar Sarovar and the famous historical Pichhola Lake of Udaipur in Rajasthan has become completely polluted;

(b) Whether Government propose to install water-treatment plant with a view to make the water of these ponds pollution-free;

(c) if so, by when it would be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, Pichhola Lake at Udaipur and Pushkar Sarovar at Ajmer are polluted. Pichhola Lake is one of the identified lakes for conservation under the National Lake Conservation Plan of Government. These proposals would be considered on receipt of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRS) from the State Government.

Plan to protect and conserve Godavari River

3762. SHRI S. M. LAL JAN BASHA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan has been drawn to protect and conserve the river Godavari;

(b) if so, the details of this plan;

(c) the major areas where this plan will be implemented;

(d) the fund allotted for this project;

(e) whether Government will involve State Governments and NGOs in this plan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) to (c) A scheme of pollution abatement of river Godavari is being implemented in three towns of Maharashtra

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namely, Nashik, Trimbakeshwar and Nanded and four towns of Andhra Pradesh namely; Bhadrachalam, Mancharial, Rajamundry and Ramagundam. The scheme was approved by Government in July, 1995 under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). The approved cost of works in these States is Rs. 146.06 crore. Out of this amount, the cost of works for towns of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are Rs. 95.03 crore and Rs. 51.03 crore respectively. Under the plan, municipal sewage shall be intercepted and diverted for treatment. The Plan also includes other works such as construction of low cost toilets, river front development, improved wood crematoria, afforestation and public participation and public awareness etc.

(d) to (f) The Government has released a total amount of Rs. 57.32 crore so far under this Plan, out of which an amount of Rs. 44.73 crore has been released to the State of Maharashtra and Rs. 12.59 crore released to the State of Andhra Pradesh. The works are being implemented by the implementing agencies of respective State Governments. The role of NGOs is generally restricted to the Public Participation and Awareness Component of the programme.

Eco-crisis in Orissa

3763. MISS MABEL REBELLO :
SHRI B. J. PANDA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa is very much vulnerable to climate change which can trigger ecocrisis in the State;

(b) whether in the absence of protection, one meter sea level rise can inundate vast prime agricultural lands and displace thousands of people and so on, as per study conducted and reported in the media; and

(c) in the face of this, whether Government have drawn up short and long term plans to save the coastal State from such natural calamities, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) According to India Meteorological Department no statistically significant trend of increase of extreme weather events has been noticed in the State of Orissa.